

Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It has no plans to provide balance by showing either a pro-Kerry documentary or an anti-Bush documentary. This blatant attempt to influence the elections is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Large companies care primarily about the bottom line. Instead of fostering democracy by providing unbiased information to the electorate, these companies push the political agenda that promises them the highest profits.

Sinclair's actions show why we need stronger rules to prevent media consolidation. The license renewal process should include an evaluation, with hearings, of the whether or not the public interest is being well served.

Thank you.